

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 134

Introduced by Assembly Member Adams

February 19, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 134—Relative to Child Abuse Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 134, as introduced, Adams. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would acknowledge the month of April 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to pose a serious
2 threat to our nation's children; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2007, approximately 3,200,000 children were
4 reported to child protective agencies in the United States as having
5 suffered abuse and neglect; and

6 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem
7 and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people
8 throughout the community; and

9 WHEREAS, The first organized statewide Blue Ribbon
10 Campaign was originated in Norfolk, Virginia, by the grandmother
11 of Bubba Dickinson, a child who was murdered by his mother's
12 abusive boyfriend; and

13 WHEREAS, In recent years, the National Committee to Prevent
14 Child Abuse, the California chapter and other local affiliates,

1 United States military bases, and other groups have organized Blue
2 Ribbon Campaigns to increase public awareness of child abuse
3 and to promote ways to prevent child abuse; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse,
5 in all its forms, has proclaimed April as National Child Abuse
6 Prevention Month; and

7 WHEREAS, Blue ribbons are displayed to increase awareness
8 of child abuse and as a strategy for Child Abuse Prevention Month;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The flexibility of this program offers numerous
11 opportunities to be innovative and to create partnerships within
12 business, professional, and community organizations; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby acknowledge
16 the month of April 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and
17 encourage the people of the State of California to work together
18 to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their
19 communities and schools during that month and throughout the
20 year; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
22 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.